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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Eastern Europe
Office of Policy Coordination

VIA : Acting Assistant Director for Policy Coordination

FROM : Acting Deputy Director (Plans)


SUBJECT : [] In 20146

1. I have examined the reference message from [] which appears to me to be a sound analysis of the rather complicated problem concerning the radio broadcasting vessel now in Greek waters. The recommendations contained in paragraph 4 also seem to be well thought out with the possible exception of recommendation G, viz. commissioning the Captain to sell the boat in the Mediterranean.

2. My concern on this latter score would be that if we do not have complete faith and confidence in the reliability and integrity of the Captain, we would be entrusting a very valuable object to the wrong hands. If by chance the Captain is not completely in our confidence, I should be worried about the possibility of his making some sort of a deal to sell the boat for less than it is worth, retaining a too large percentage or even a secret commission for himself. I would also be concerned on the score that the best price for this boat would not be obtained in the Mediterranean or at least the eastern Mediterranean. It could probably be sold to wealthy Frenchmen or Greeks of the type who habitate the French Riviera for more money than could be obtained in or near Greece.

3. I am anxious to know your reactions to this cable and what you propose to authorize [] to do. As you are already aware, I am not particularly surprised at the outcome of this rather unfortunate venture.

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TO: WASHG, WASHC CITE: [] [] []
REF: [] (IN 20069).
KMHYMNAL/BGSPEED.

1. FIVE MONTHS FIELD EXPERIENCE WITH THIS EQUIPMENT WARRANTS FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS, WHICH REPRESENT CONSIDERED JUDGMENT [] [] [] AND [] AND REFLECT VARIOUS ASPECTS VIEWS EXPRESSED BY ALL OTHERS WHO HAVE APPLIED SELVES THIS PROBLEM HERE:

A. MEDIUM WAVE EQUIPMENT, AS INSTALLED THIS VESSEL WILL NOT DEPENDABLY DELIVER USEFUL SIGNAL THIS AREA AT DISTANCES EXCEEDING 65 MILES BECAUSE OF HIGH NOISE LEVEL, CHANNEL INTERFERENCE AND INHERENT LIMITATIONS ANTENNA SYSTEM.

B. FOR SAME REASONS IT DOUBTFUL MEDIUM WAVE OPERATIONS COULD BE CONDUCTED SUCCESSFULLY THIS AREA WITH ANY TYPE EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF BEING MOUNTED ON SMALL SHIP ADAPTED COVERT ACTIVITIES.

C. PRESENT SHIP INHERENTLY UNSUITED THIS TYPE WORK BECAUSE DEFICIENCIES IN HULL DESIGN, INTERIOR ARRANGEMENT, POWER PLANT AND SAIL EQUIPMENT. REGARDLESS ALL OTHER FACTORS, WORKING SHIP RATHER THAN PLEASURE CRAFT ESSENTIAL TO DEPENDABLE OPERATIONS THIS NATURE.

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D. SHORTWAVE EQUIPMENT IN PRESENT VESSEL CAN BE MADE WORK, BUT ONLY AT HIGH EXPENSE IN TIME AND MONEY, AND UNDER HANDICAP SHIPS LIMITATIONS WHICH RENDER REGULARLY SCHEDULED BROADCASTS IM-POSSIBLE.

E. SHORTWAVE EQUIPMENT IN WORKING TYPE HULL PROBABLY COULD BE OPERATED SUCCESSFULLY THIS AREA, AND IF SO WOULD BE USEFUL IF SHORE BASES DENIED US.

2. CONCLUSIONS 1-A, 1-B AND 1-E WILL BE SUPPORTED BY DETAILED DISPATCHES UNDER PREPARATION. CONCLUSIONS 1-C AND 1-D SUPPORTED BY FACT VESSEL HAS SUFFERED SUCCESSION MECHANICAL FAILURES AND NOW IS IN CONDITION DESCRIBED IN REF.

3. TO CONDUCT ANOTHER 350-400 MILE TEST SAFELY WOULD REQUIRE ESTIMATED MINIMUM \$5,000 REPAIR COSTS. PLUS RE-INSTALLATION EQUIPMENT, PROCESS TAKING AT LEAST FOUR WEEKS. [] AND [] CONVINCED SUCH TEST BE NO MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN OTHERS.

4. TO SAVE FURTHER TIME AND MONEY REQUEST KMHYMNAL/BGSPEED BE CHALKED UP EXPERIENCE, WHICH HAS TAUGHT VALUABLE LESSONS BOTH NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE. FURTHER REQUEST APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS SUBJECT WORKING OUT DETAILS:

A. RETENTION RADIO AND RELATED EQUIPMENT HERE FOR FURTHER DISPOSITION.

B. RETENTION SUCH OTHER EQUIPMENT AS MAY BE USEFUL; SHIPPING REST BACK TO [] .

C. ASSIGNMENT RADIO TECHNICIANS TO [] .

D. ASSIGNMENT [] AND [] OTHER DUTIES HERE (CAN USE BOTH).

E. ASSIGNMENT CHIEF ENGINEER POSSIBLY TO [] (FOR DIESEL MAINTENANCE).

F. ASSIGNMENT TWO U.S. SEAMEN TO SHORE DUTIES HERE, OR RETURN TO STATES (THEY WISH STAY WITH AGENCY).

G. COMMISSIONING CAPTAIN SELL BOAT IN MEDITERRANEAN (IF SOLD LOCALLY COULD USE DRACHS FOR COMMO GROUND SITE EXPENSES).

H. RETURN CAPTAIN TO STATES.

5. BELIEVE NO ONE NEED APOLOGIZE THIS USEFUL EXPERIMENT IF CALLED OFF NOW. EQUALLY BELIEVE FURTHER EXPERIMENTING THIS LINE ILL-ADVISED.

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